

CARBONDALE'S OLDEST NATIVE DIES THIS MORNING AT HOME

—1924

Mrs. Jane MacMillan, 89 Years Old,
Born In the City, Suffered Fall
On Sunday, Dying Today.

Carbondale, Feb. 12.—Mrs. Jane MacMillan, eighty-nine years, Carbondale's oldest native-born resident, died this morning at 5 o'clock at her home, 61 North Church street. Mrs. MacMillan had been ailing for the past four years, but a fall she received in her home on Sunday morning hastened the end of her well spent and useful life. She was one of the city's best known women, especially among the older folks and her numerous friends will be grieved over her death.

Mrs. MacMillan was born in this city July 3, 1835, the daughter of Robert and Jean Maxwell, who were among the early settlers. Here she spent her entire lifetime and was loved by the entire community. She possessed a lovable disposition, and the positive integrity of her character made her a loyal friend. She was also the oldest member of the First Presbyterian church, and when her health permitted always took an active part in its work.

She was generous and charitable and could always be depended upon to do her part towards aiding the needy and relieving the sufferings of those with whom she came in contact.

She was the widow of James MacMillan, and of ten children born to them there survives: Miss Jean, Mrs. F. E. Burr, Mrs. C. S. Atkinson, of Nyack, N. Y.; Miss Annie, James D., and Robert MacMillan; also survives two sisters, Mrs. T. B. Vanaan, of St. Augustine, Fla., and Mrs. J. R. Shepherd, of this city.

*Mrs. Jane MacMillan
was the mother
of Robert Maxwell
MacMillan,
who married
Margaret Russell
(1886-1973).*

*RE: Spencer Russell
A biographical sketch of
Spencer Russell is given in
Murphy's History of
Lackawanna County
(1928), pp. 867-868.*

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OCTOBER 28, 1953.

Lydia S. Russell Dies After Illness

CARBONDALE — Mrs. Lydia Spencer Russell, 32* Canaan St., widow of George Russell, died at 9:30 last night in her home following a brief illness.

Born in Greenfield Township, she was a daughter of the late Henry and Elizabeth Bowen Spencer, and had lived in Carbondale most of her life. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are a son, Maurice, Greenfield Township; a daughter, Mrs. Margaret R. MacMillan, Carbondale; a sister, Mrs. Annie E. Lee, Carbondale; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be from the McGranaghan Funeral Home, 62 North Main St., Friday at 2 P.M., with Rev. Malcolm S. Sweet, First Presbyterian Church, officiating. Interment, Maplewood Cemetery.

Friends may call tomorrow from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 P.M.

Mrs. Maude P. Bennett, North Main St., Honesdale, whose daughter is Mrs. Spencer Russell, daughter-in-law of the deceased Carbondale woman, died yesterday afternoon at her home after a long illness.